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450100-02918IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masato Shimakawa, et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/749,345  
 For : SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH SYNTHESIZING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
 Filed : December 27, 2000  
 Examiner : Wozniak, James S.  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## Claims as Amended

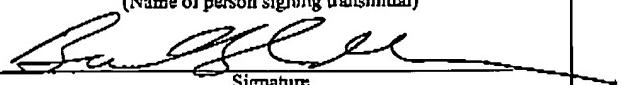
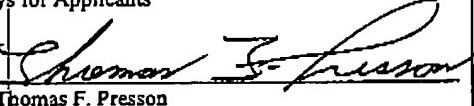
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Independent claims	3	Minus	*** 3	*0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
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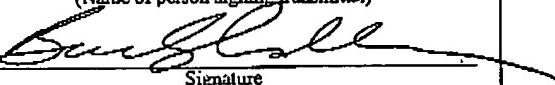
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.